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A probable large-scale training exercise was observed 25X1

This activity, the first observed involving troops manning portions of the ground force static defensive line near Dauriya (49-56-07N 116-51-12E) in the Transbaykal Military District, may have been related to the large-scale joint forces exercise conducted in the eastern Soviet Union and Mongolia during March.

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The activity involved 11 bivouac areas along a 63-nautical mile (nm) front from Lake Zun Torey (50-02-05N 115-58-30E) to an area east of Zabaykalsk (49-38-43N 117-19-40E). These bivouac areas contained tents and support vehicles/pieces of equipment and were approximately 3 to 8 nm north of the Sino-Soviet-Mongolian Triborder area (Figure 1). The locations of the bivouac areas and the numbers of tents and support vehicles/pieces of equipment at each area are shown on Table 1. At the 11 bivouac areas, 177 support vehicles/pieces of equipment and 508 10- to 12-man tents (capable of housing a maximum of over 6,000 troops) were observed. Seven of the bivouac areas were adjacent to border security posts or army barracks (Figure 2) in an area where a line of several hundred tank turret static defensive positions are located.

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The small numbers of vehicles present in relation to probable troop numbers, the lack of any divisional ground force weapons or units at these bivouac areas, and the proximity of these bivouac areas to the numerous tank turret static defensive positions (Figures 3 and 4) and associated command and control positions suggest that a training exercise was in progress. Vehicular track activity and snow removal at some tank turret static defensive positions and associated command and control positions also suggest that an exercise was occurring. At a tank turret command and control position (Figures 5 and 6) at 50-07-25N 116-14-01E, 5 nm north of the Soviet/Mongolian border, three tanks and a truck were outside a bunker entrance. Activity of this type is not usually seen at these facilities.

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Construction of the 200-nm ground force static defensive line was started in 1973 and has continued. Construction of the defenses along the 63-nm portion where the exercise took place, however, was completed in 1977.

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Table 1. Bivouac Areas in the Transbaykal Military District, USSR
(Keyed to Figure 1)

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Item	Location	Tents	Support Vehicles/ Pieces of Equipment
1	Adjacent to Kharnor Army Barracks [redacted] 50-04-21N 116-07-15E	28	11
2	50-07-25N 116-14-01E	37	3 (Also 2 tanks)
3	50-03-27N 116-11-23E	39	16
4	Adjacent to Kharnor Border Security Post South-southwest [redacted] 49-58-30N 116-26-30E	48	16
5	Adjacent to Dauriya Border Guard Barracks Southwest [redacted] 49-53-50N 116-46-20E	59	0
6	49-53-24N 117-00-48E	41	22
7	49-51-11N 117-04-26E	62	9
8	West of Nadrovskiy Army Barracks Bilyutin AL-1 [redacted] 49-49-35N 117-05-33E	55	70
9	Southeast of Nadrovskiy Army Barracks Bilyutin AL-1 [redacted] 49-49-34N 117-05-36E	49	17
10	Adjacent to Zabaykalsk Army Barracks AL 2 [redacted] 49-41-00N 117-15-30E	41	11
11	Adjacent to Zabaykalsk Border Security Post East-northeast [redacted] 49-39-52N 117-34-55E	49	2
	Total	508	177

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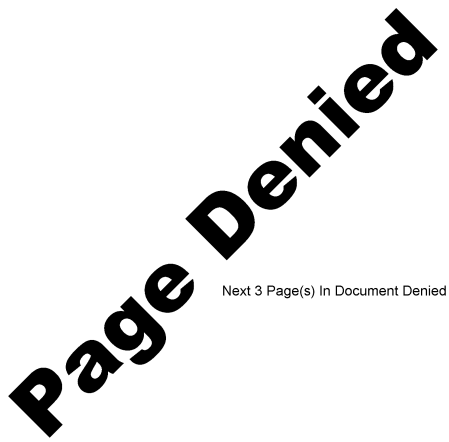

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